

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): A polarizing plate comprising a polarizer, the polarizer comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and

\_\_\_\_\_ a second portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm,

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated.

2. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated by an adhesive.

3. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein a refractive index of the adhesive is in a range of 1.46 to 1.52.

4. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the adhesive is a polyvinyl alcohol-based adhesive.

5. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the adhesive is a urethane-based adhesive.

6. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated by a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

7. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein a refractive index of the pressure-sensitive adhesive is in a range of 1.46 to 1.52.

8. (Currently amended): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion having a first absorption axis and a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm and the second portion having a second absorption axis and a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm are laminated so that the first and second absorption axes are disposed in parallel to each other.

9. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a reflector or a transreflector attached to the polarizing plate.

10. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a retardation plate or a  $\lambda$  plate attached to the polarizing plate.

11. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a viewing angle compensating film attached to the polarizing plate.

12. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a brightness enhancement film attached to the polarizing plate.

13. (Currently amended): A liquid crystal display comprising on at least one side of a liquid crystal cell;

\_\_\_\_\_ a polarizing plate comprising a polarizer, the polarizer comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and

\_\_\_\_\_ a second portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm,

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated.

14. (Currently amended): A liquid crystal display comprising on at least one side of a liquid crystal cell;

\_\_\_\_\_ a polarizing plate comprising a polarizer, the polarizer comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and

\_\_\_\_\_ a second portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm,

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated by an adhesive.

15. (Currently amended): A liquid crystal display comprising on at least one side of a liquid crystal cell;

\_\_\_\_\_ a polarizing plate comprising a polarizer, the polarizer comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and

\_\_\_\_\_ a second portion having a polarization degree of 99% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm,

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the first portion and the second portion are laminated by a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

16. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive layer is provided on the polarizing plate and exposed at a surface thereof, and a separator for preventing contamination is provided on the adhesive layer.

17. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion are directly laminated.

18. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the first portion and the second portion are directly laminated by the adhesive.

19. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion has a polarization degree of 99.3% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and the second portion has a polarization degree of 99.3% or more at each wavelength of light for a wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm.

20. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion has a polarization degree of 99.5% or more at each wavelength of light for wavelengths of 420 to 550 nm, and the second portion has a polarization degree of 99.5% or more at each wavelength of light for a wavelengths of 550 to 700 nm.

21. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizing plate transmits a linearly polarized light having a predetermined polarization axis.

22. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 13, wherein the polarizing plate is located on one side of the liquid crystal cell.

23. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 22, wherein the polarizing plate transmits a linearly polarized light having a predetermined polarization axis.

24. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the

polarizing plate is located on one side of the liquid crystal cell.

25. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 24, wherein the polarizing plate transmits a linearly polarized light having a predetermined polarization axis.

26. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 15, wherein the polarizing plate is located on one side of the liquid crystal cell.

27. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 26, wherein the polarizing plate transmits a linearly polarized light having a predetermined polarization axis.

28. (New): An optical member comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 1 and at least one other optical layer.

29. (New): An optical member comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 1 and at least two other optical layers.

30. (New): An optical member comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 1 and an adhesive layer provided on an exposed surface of the optical member for adhesion with other members.

31. (New): An optical member according to claim 30, wherein the adhesive layer is temporarily covered with a separator.

32. (New): A polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a transparent protective film is provided on at least one side of the polarizer.

33. (New): A polarizing plate according to claim 32, wherein no protective film is provided between the first and second portions of the polarizer.